

## CHAPTER 3

### FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136 et sea.. Reference (c)) PESTICIDE APPLICATOR CORRESPONDENCE TRAINING

#### A. PURPOSE

1. To supplement apprentice training for new pesticide applicator trainees and prepare them for DoD **FIFRA** (reference (c)) pesticide applicator certification (DoD 41 50.7-P, reference (b)).
2. To **qualify** PPMPs for DoD **FIFRA** (reference (c)) pesticide applicator certification **after** taking and passing a written **examination** (reference (b)).
3. To **qualify** personnel for accelerated DoD **FIFRA** (reference (c)) pesticide **applicator** certification after taking and passing a written examination (reference (b)).

#### B. PROCEDURES

1. **Preparatory Training.** Within 6 months of assignment as a trainee, his or her supervisor should have the individual enroll in an **AFPMB-approved** correspondence course. Those courses may serve as prerequisites for selection to attend a formal resident course. Correspondence courses may also be used with OJT after trainees complete initial resident training. Trainees must obtain a grade of at least 70 percent on every written examination to pass the **correspondence** training. Results of correspondence training examinations shall be filed with the individuals apprenticeship **and/or** OJT records.

a. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command Training Course, "Basic Pest Control Technology" is specifically designed for installation pesticide applicators in a military environment. It may help installation personnel determine if a new operator has the ability to acquire the pest management technical knowledge and skills needed to **function** as part of an installation pest management effort. That course is available to **all** DoD personnel with approval from their command entomologist or engineering **field** division applied biologist.

b. The U.S. Navy, "Basic Pest Control **Technology**," is available to military and DoD employees and to other Federal, State, and municipal employees. Additional **information** is available from **T.P.C.** Training Systems, 750 Lake Cook Road, **Buffalo** Grove, IL 60089. The **application**, DD Form 1556, "**Request, Authorization Agreement, Certification of Training, and Reimbursement**," is available from installation education or civilian personnel offices. There is a registration fee. The course must be successfully completed in 6 months from the date of enrollment.

#### 2. Accelerated Training for DoD FIFRA (Reference (c)) Pesticide Applicator Certification

The DoD Pesticide Applicator Certification Correspondence Course may be substituted for attending formal classroom training under certain circumstances. It meets the training

requirements for the certification of the following:

a. PPMP may request **FIFRA** (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq., **reference** (c)) pesticide applicator correspondence course core and category approval from their cognizant **PMC** instead of a resident certification training course. On approval, PPMPs must request enrollment in the correspondence course from their respective Component training center. Additionally, on approval of the cognizant PMC that **correspondence** course may also be used for the **FIFRA** (**reference** (c)) recertification of PPMPs. (See DoD 4150.7-P, reference (b)).

b. DoD personnel, other than **PPMPs**, who have prior pest management experience or have had valid **FIFRA** (reference (c)) certification may request accelerated DoD certification **from** the cognizant PMC and certifying official, as specified in reference (b). On approval of the cognizant PMC and **Component-certifying** official, those personnel may request the DoD **FIFRA** (**reference** (c)) Pesticide Applicator Certification Correspondence Course instead of resident training. The correspondence course shall not be used for **FIFRA** (reference (c)) recertification.